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# Racial slurs written on Wartburg College van

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*"I would have never guessed that something like this would occur on a campus this small."*
*- Destinee Turner*

## Students and college officials react to discriminatory actions on campus

A Wartburg College mail delivery vehicle was found with racial slurs written on the windows early Saturday morning.

The obscenities, which read "Go Nazis" and "N----- die," were written in the frost on the vehicle, parked outside the Student Center.

The incident was reported to campus security soon after being seen. Security was unable to comment on what would be done, but security member Dean Cockerham encouraged everyone to report any incidents like this as soon as possible.

Dr. Dan Kittle, vice president of student life and dean of students described the situation as "horrific."

Kittle later released a statement to the entire student body.

"When the president and I heard of these incidents we had a reaction that I imagine many of you would have had – we were angered, disappointed, saddened and frustrated," Kittle said. "I am committed to making this a safe campus where we can each live out our vocations. While I know it may not be true, I hope all students feel welcome here and feel that they have a voice."

Kittle said the college wants to get to the bottom of the incident and see that it is addressed.

"While we could dismiss these as isolated incidents and say our community is not alone in experiencing them. I do not accept either of those as an excuse," Kittle said. ▸ **Racial slurs, p.2**

**Above:** "N----- die" was written on the side window of the van in the frost.

**Below:** "Go Nazis" accompanied the racial slur. This was written on the back window of the van.

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# Influenza season's effect on Iowa

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The current influenza season has been notably worse this year as it continues to spread.

Megan McMillin

According to the Iowa Influenza Surveillance Network, there have been 43 reported deaths related to the flu in Iowa this season.

According to the Network, in the week of Jan. 20, there have been 151 influenza-related hospitalizations in Iowa out of 6,721 this season. In order to avoid influzena, people are encouraged to take preventative measures.

Megan McMillin, the physician assistant at the Noah Health Clinic located in "The W," said the best course of action a person can take in order to prevent the flu is to wash his or her hands as much as possible, use hand sanitizer, get enough sleep and get a flu shot.

McMillin said once a person has the flu, there's not much that can be done until it goes away.

"There's nothing you can do besides taking Tylenol, ibuprofen, cough medicine and getting a lot of sleep," McMillin said.

"A lot of times I tell students to go home for a couple of days because generally you guys rest better at home than you do on campus," she said.

McMillin said a person affected with the flu will experience symptoms immediately.

Wartburg student Allison Ney wacthed one of her friends get sick.

Ney's friend experienced nausea, chills, a headache and stomach pains. While Ney's friend did get a flu shot, it is not 100 percent effective.

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health, a flu shot can be 60-80 percent effective, making it the best way to prevent getting influenza.

The shot can be more effective for young, healthy individuals that practice good health habits.

McMillin is confident that Wartburg is seeing the end of its flu season.

"I would expect that we would level off here over the next couple of weeks, just because it really started before Christmas break so we should be leveling off here soon," McMillin said.

The flu typically lasts three to seven days and once a person no longer has a fever for 24 hours, he or she is OK to resume regular activities.

# Service trip locations announced for 2018

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Students from the 2016 service trip participated in helping Habitat for Humanity. The activites for each service trip are determined by where the students are going. – **Marketing & Comm.**

Wartburg's winter break service trips have been announced and students are preparing themselves for the upcoming trips.

Students are able to go on a service trip during fall break, winter break, and tour week.

This year, there are seven different places students can go for winter break and five different places students can go for tour week.

The places students can go vary from year to year.

This year, students will be traveling to California, Texas, Florida, Louisiana, the Grand Canyon, Oregon and more.

On the trips, students will have the opportunity to help with issues surrounding poverty, homelessness, hurricane relief, immigrants and other issues depending on where they are going.

Samantha Pfab and Connor Frerichs have each been on one service trip so far.

Both Pfab and Frerichs are on the Wartburg Service Trips executive team and have decided to lead one of the service trips this year.

Pfab is the marketing coordinator for the team and Frerichs works on recruitment.

They work hand-in-hand to get the word out on campus about the opportunity to go on a service trip and provide service.

Pfab said she has not only been on service trips at Wartburg College, but has been on four others with her church, which started her interest and involvement with service in college.

Pfab will be leading a trip to California this winter break, along with Madison Bloker.

"We are working at this camp called Camp Campbell," Pfab said,

"It's a YMCA camp for kids. It's like a science camp. We serve as a camp counselor that week and hang out with the kids and do a bunch of activities."

The executive team for service trips oversee everything for the organization, but the students who decide to lead a trip do most of the planning.

Frerichs is leading a trip to Oregon for tour week and is participating in the California service trip over winter break.

"There is a website that we can use called alternativebreaks.com that equips you with information with past service trips, ideas and locations for housing and things like that," Frerichs said.

"It's an extremely useful tool, but it doesn't limit you to only that," he said.

Morgan Finch is going on her first service trip to New Orleans to work with homeless.

Finch said she is excited to be able to take part in service.

Students who want to sign up for a service trip fill out a doodle poll determining where they'd like to go by giving numbers to their top choices.

"The process was fairly easy and we had to talk about what one we wanted to go on, why we wanted to do a service trip and elaborate on that," Finch said.

According to Wartburg's mission statement, "Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning."

"I feel like at Wartburg it's such a vital value and service is in our mission statement," Pfab said.

"I think that Wartburg is that type of school that has those students that have that passion to serve and want to go on a service trip, almost like it's on their bucket list," she said.

"I honestly think at Wartburg every professor, faculty member is really strong about the Wartburg mission statement, Frerichs said.

"You hear it all the time and I really feel like people will get more fulfillment of their Wartburg experience if they provide some service to a community or organization."

## Racial Slurs

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Joyce Boss

Kittle has encouraged students to reach out to the Bias Response Team – a group of nine faculty and staff formed to ensure meaningful and transparent responses to incidents of bias – with any ideas or concerns

Dr. Joyce Boss is one of the members of the Bias Response Team, and said that every campus is a reflection of the good and bad of the broader society, and that Wartburg's campus is no exception to this

"When incidents like this happen, they are an opportunity for us collectively to demonstrate, through our words and actions, who we truly are," Boss said.

The images of the writing on the van have been spread among the students.

Many have responded either publicly or have commented through private messages, with some doing both.

Yecenia Andrade, a sophomore, said the photos were sent to her.

"Hate crimes like these shouldn't be tolerated," Andrade said.

Student Body President Naomi Alene felt that it was tough to learn that the security she thought she had on campus is questionable.

"As a black woman it makes me wonder if I really am safe," Alene said.

"As president of the student body and Black Student Union, I feel that it is my job to ensure that everyone who feels attacked and vulnerable at this time can come together so we can support and love one another."

Alene encourages anyone who has any recommendations as to what the school can do to provide a more welcoming campus to come forward.

Destinee Turner, a junior, said she hopes whoever was responsible for this is found.

"I would have never guessed that something like this would occur on a campus this small, but I suppose racists are everywhere," Turner said.

"Whoever did this should not be allowed to continue their education at Wartburg College."

Jeannie Dees, a junior, said this hatred will not be tolerated.

"I thought that this was supposed to be a welcoming campus and the student body does not reflect the school's mission statement when things like this happen," Dees said.

"My roommates are scared to walk out of the room because of this bigotry," she said.

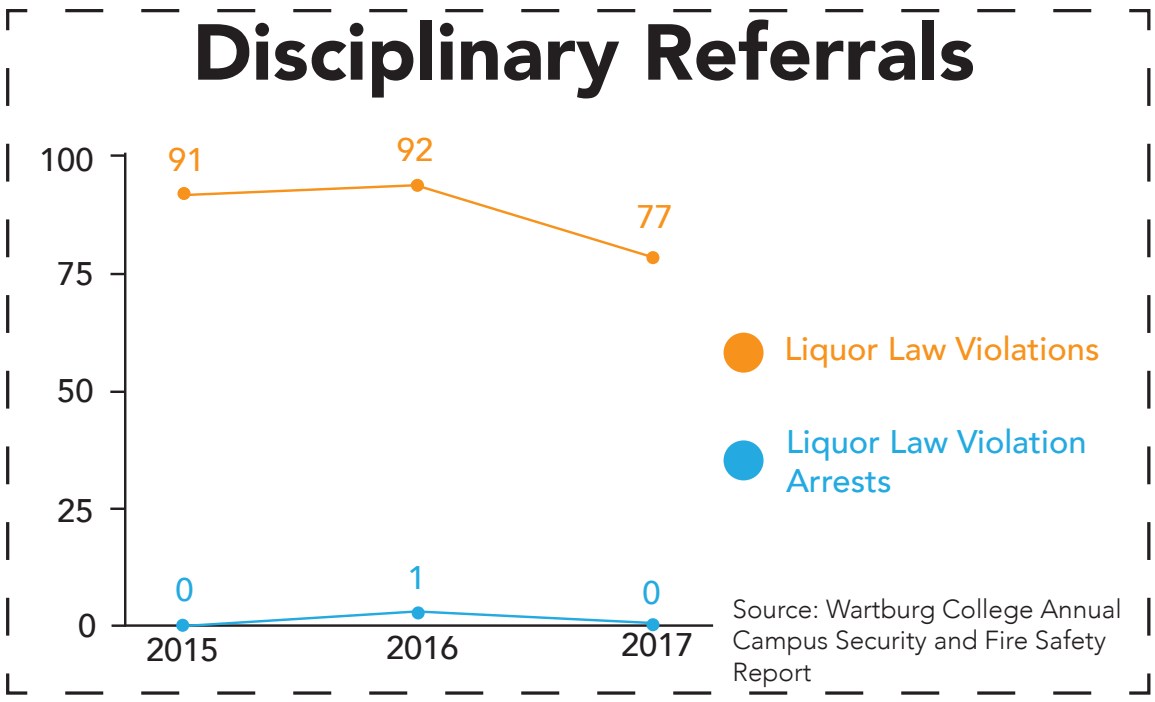
Third year student Tahjae Handy publicly responded by posting on Facebook that she has had people bang on her door.

Previously, she had written it off as drunken behavior. Now she wonders whether the room was being targeted.

"It is 2018, and students of color, or anyone who isn't blonde with blue eyes, still cannot feel safe in their own college dorm," Handy said.

"Today I became even more aware of my surroundings," she said.

If you have any information, please contact Campus Security at 319-352-8372, or reach out to a member of the Residential Life staff.




Wartburg has seen a decrease in the number of liquor law violations. –**Michelle Johnson**/*TRUMPET*

## Students voice opinion on alcohol policy

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The number of alcohol policy violations has decreased in 2017 in comparison to 2016 at Wartburg College. The number of 92 violations in 2016 has gone down to 77 in 2017.

However, some students think that the existing alcohol policy on campus is not fair to the students of legal age.

Ben Underwood said he understands the college has rules to follow, but he thinks he was once unfairly charged given the fact that he is of legal drinking age.

Underwood said he was at a location where alcohol is allowed, but he got an alcohol fine because there were minors present in the room.

"Alcohol can be a dangerous thing if abused. I personally wasn't abusing it and nothing was dangerous. No one was under any threat. The minors just happened to be present in the room," Underwood said.

On the other hand, campus security said they are simply enforcing the state law, which states minors can't possess or be in the presence of alcohol, and also following the college's rules.

"The college-only rule is that there are two residence halls that are dry only," said Campus Security and Safety Director John Myers.

"If you live in Clinton or the Complex and you're 22 years old, you still cannot have alcohol in that building," Meyers said.

Underwood understands that the college's concern is supplying alcohol to the minors, but thinks that knowing people's age beforehand is hard.

"It does seem like the expectations are a bit high, to expect from people to ID everyone in the room whose age they don't know for a fact before entering a room," Underwood said.

Myers said they have tried using the breathalyzer, but had to stop using it because there were some problems with it.

"One of the problems why it didn't work was because it's not about the consumption of alcohol, but just being in the presence of it," he said.

"The other problem was the way breathalyzers are designed to work didn't suit the college alcohol policy," Myers said.

"It's unfortunate that somebody is 21 and cannot drink because he's got a roommate that's 20, but that's because we don't know what's to keep him from drinking his roommate's beer," he said.

Meyers said having alcohol out of the room completely eliminates that possibility.

# Countdown to Dance Marathon 10 is on

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Wartburg College Dance Marathon (WCDM) is less than 60 days from the big event on March 24.

WCDM is in a unique situation this year, for over half of the dancers registered have met the minimum fundraising goal of $120, co-executive director for WCDM Nicholas Arp said.

"Having a $90,000 goal for a campus this small, and we only have about 300 participants, is insane," Arp said, "especially having a minimum of $120."

However, the dancers need to do more to reach the $90,000 goal, Arp said.

"We need to do a lot more in terms of raising our goals," Arp said. "So yes, achieving that minimum, but surpassing that and seeing how far you get."

The executive team helps the dancers raise money through fundraising events, which are set up by the co-fundraising directors. Breann Bader is one of the co-fundraising directors for the 2018 WCDM.

"There's tons of things throughout the year," Bader said.

"This past week we've had the Joe's event, so we did fundraising though that. We do other things like Butter Braids, Cans for a Cause, Survival Kits at the end of the last semester."

To set up an event affiliated with Wartburg, WCDM has to get approval, Bader said.

"We're working on growing those relationships so that in the future they can continue to be normal fundraisers," Bader said.

In order to get the dancers to participate, the executive team sends out a mass email which allows them to sign up, Bader said.

"We don't have an issue getting dancers to help work or volunteer for those hours to in turn receive fundraising," Arp said.

"We're always looking for ways and ideas to then get students on campus to fundraise."

Because WCDM raised $81,850, more than $21,000 over their goal last year, they knew they had to add more events, Bader said.

"If you go to our dance marathon website, you can see that every year would increase a little bit," Bader said.

"Before last year we were at the span of going up anywhere from like $2,000 to $5,000 a year, except for last year which was just outrageous."

The next big fundraising event for WCDM is the FT5K on March 17.

"We wanted to think of some sort of fundraising event that could include dancers, perspective dancers, Wartburg students and community members to then again share why we are doing the things we're doing for fundraising," Arp said.

"Doing a 5K will both help us achieve that $90,000 goal, but at the same time help spread the word of what Dance Marathon is with the community."

One piece of fundraising advice Arp had is to put your fundraising goal above the minimum.

"On Donor Drive, which is the online fundraising tool, you can manually change your goal from that $120 to whatever number you want," Arp said.

If any students still need to register, they can do so at tiny.cc/wcdm10. There is a registration fee of $25 that includes two T-shirts, two meals at the event and entertainment throughout the day.

"We need to do a lot more fundraising if we want to get the same reaction we did last year," Arp said.

After beating their goal by over $21,000 in 2017, Dance Marathon is challenging dancers with a goal of over $90,000 for this year's event. — **Marketing & Comm.**

Jamie Flanegan and Kyle Hoffman are both members of the brand new Revolution group. —**Silvia Oakland**/*TRUMPET*

# Time for a Revolution

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Wartburg has multiple music ensembles and one of those ensembles is starting it's first year of competition.

Revolution is one of the few indoor percussion teams in Iowa and this year is the group's first time competing.

"This year we are going up to compete in the Minnesota circuit and I think going to competition is a big step for us," Stephen Klaassen said.

Klaassen is the ensemble's founder and director.

He participated in an indoor percussion group while in high school and he wanted others to know more about indoor percussion groups.

Revolution has 22 members and is made up of a front ensemble and a battery.

The group is similar to a marching band or a drumline, however Klaassen said the indoor percussion group has more of a theatrical feel to it.

While some performers are experienced percussionists, the group is mostly made up of people who play different main instruments.

Bridget Schaufenbuel, like many others in Revolution, plays a different main instrument.

This is her first time learning to play any sort of percussion instrument. Schaufenbuel said her favorite thing about Revolution is the group of people she gets to play with.

"It's a smaller group so you get to know the group better than a bigger band and I originally play saxophone so to play a different instrument is always fun," Schaufenbuel said.

The percussion group had its first performance on Jan. 23 at Waverly Shell-Rock High School during the boy's basketball halftime.

The group only performed a small portion of the show they will be doing for their upcoming competition in March.

Schaufenbuel said this first performance was a good starting point for the group to see what they need to improve.

# 2018 Culture Week at Wartburg begins celebration preparations

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Wartburg College has almost 120 students from 55 different countries.

Celebrating this diversity on campus is one of the goals of Culture Week at Wartburg, on March 18-23.

This year's theme for Culture Week focuses on being like a mosaic.

"The idea is that a mosaic . . . brings everyone together, accepts them as who they are and celebrates that," Shahzeb Jadoon, secretary of International Club, said.

Nina Adam, co-social events coordinator, said she is excited to celebrate the different cultures that Wartburg includes.

"Culture Week is a week where international students as well as domestic students can be enlightened by all the different cultures and all the different people that are on campus," Adam said.

Adam said a lot goes into planning Culture Week.

Those involved in planning the week began the initial discussion several months ago.

Adam said it takes a lot of work because there is so much to think about when it comes to planning Culture Week: booking classrooms for the panel, finding people who wanted to take place in the panel discussion and deciding on a theme were just a few of the things to get ready.

Students on the executive team for International Club (iClub) are planning several events for the upcoming Culture week.

Mokgari Aphane and Sneha Mahapatra posing for a picture during the 2017 Culture Week at Wartburg. —**Marketing & Comm.**

Events include a craft station and henna, a dance program, a panel discussion and the culture show.

The panel discussion will be three students and three faculty members talking about cultural stereotypes.

The week comes to a close with the Culture Show.

This show is open to community members as well as Wartburg students, faculty and staff.

It showcases the diversity on campus through a variety of mediums, including song, dance and poetry.

Culture week is not only for international students.

All students, whether international or domestic, are welcome to participate in any of the activities.

In fact, Adam said she would love to see more involvement from other students

"I encourage domestic students to take part in culture week," Adam said.

"It's a great opportunity to meet people, branch out, [and] do something a little bit different."

Jadoon said he hopes everyone will take some part in Culture Week, whether they are a domestic or international student is irrelevant.

"It's about accepting everyone," Jadoon said. "That's the whole idea."

Zafrul Amin, director of international student services, said he looks forward to the culture show.

He said it is a chance for students to showcase their own culture and identity.

Amin said he hopes there will be a good turnout for the events, and encourages everyone to give at least a few of the events a try.

"Come join us," Amin said.

"You will have a wonderful time and this is a great opportunity to know the students who don't look like you ."

"It's a learning opportunity for everybody."

# Why we should worry about climate change

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Current patterns in global climate reflect a longer term trend of nearly a century in which climate (think long term weather patterns) have slowly modified due to the phenomena of an average overall increase in global surface temperature.

Complex concept, too big for my mind, baloney, why worry—after all a warm day in January or February sounds good to me! Some common, often politicized responses.

But really, a legitimate question—why should we worry?

First a bit of context—scientific evidence based both on long term surface temperature recordings and even longer term ice core sampling indicate, overwhelmingly, that our earth's average surface temperature has been slowly, but at an ever increasing rate, rising for the past 150-170 years.

This rise tightly correlates with the release of green house gasses associated with human technological advance such as the burning of fossil fuels. This concept is supported fully by the most recent U.S. National Climate Assessment Report.

The problem arises from the climate changes associated from the warming. Biome shifts, increase in patterns and severity of weather and maybe the most immediate problem for humans—an increases in sea level due to thermal expansion and melting of polar ice caps are the dangers.

These events are occurring and with increasing rapidity. The question should not be—Is it happening? But, what can and shall we do to protect ourselves, and the ecosystems we live in, from the consequences of these changes?

How do we protect ourselves from coastal flooding, catastrophic effects from torrential downpours and more intense tropical storms?

These are the discussions we must be having--not the semantics of occurrence or cause and effect of global warming.

# Goditi i miei amici!

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I've got a one pan pick up for you all today. I'll be honest, I didn't have the time this week to really dazzle you all so I opted for a nice and easy recipe with a dash of heart burn.

If you're getting the groceries beforehand, consider adding some pepto or tums to the grocery list.

The sausages I used were the classic Johnsonville Italian sausages.

The peperoncino's are an Italian take on chili peppers. For those of you who are lost they're the pickled neon-yellow peppers you get with your pizza.

They've got a touch of heat so if you're a heat weenie you might want to omit them. The sausage has some heat as well so keep that in mind when you are making the choice.

For those of you who missed last issue where I discussed julienning it's a real easy knife technique that results in thin spears.

Last week we were making relatively thin slices of 1/8-1/4in ch cuts but for this recipe you want to aim for meatier cuts than before.

A cool tip I picked up working in a kitchen in Virginia was to stand the bell pepper upright and begin your cut as close to the stem as possible cutting in a crescent manor. Your aim is to miss the core and then bring your knife back inside.

This is a really easy short technique that will save you time and not waste any of the pepper.

To make the process even easier stack the sheets of pepper face up and make your cuts.

The skin on peppers can be a little tough compared to the inside ,so by cutting this way your knife will face less resistance.

Two for the price of one is never a bad thing, so here's another crazy easy recipe for some tasty strak fries to acompany your sub.

Bust out three spuds and wash off the dirt. Cut the spuds in half and then make three diagonal cuts in the spud so you get three long triangles.

Get a baking sheet and throw the fries in the pan. Drizzle a generous amount of olive oil over the spuds, and dust salt and pepper over them. Time to get dirty, mix 'em up with your hands. Pop 'em in the oven at 400 for 25-minutes or until brown and crispy.

## Recipe for: Italian Sausage Sub

### Ingredients:

- Pack of Italian Sausage
- Pack of buns
- A red and yellow pepper (1/2in julienne)
- Yellow onion (1/2in julienne)
- Provolone cheese
- Peperoncinos
- Butter

### Instructions:

Put a skillet on the stove and turn to medium-high. Slice the sausages down the middle so they opens like a book, put face down in the pan; turning occasionally. Set the oven to 400, place the buns on a oven pan and lighly brush one of the insides with butter and put provolone on the other. When the sausage is cooked put it to bed with the provolone and ship it off to the oven for 5 minutes. Sauté the peppers and onions in the same pan you cooked the sausage in. Once the bun is toasted and the cheese is bubbling pull the buns out of the oven, top with peppers, onions and peperoncinos. "Godere!"

# Student-body president addresses hate

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Wartburg held an anti-racism/hate rally last Thursday for students and faculty in the Lyceum. Student Body President Naomi Alene gave this address at the rally:

"This is not the first time hate has been prevalent on this campus. I believe this weekend's incidents were just a wake up call.

It has just made me more aware of the hate that has been prevalent on the campus. But this isn't an isolated incident. I believe it is Wartburg's responsibility to respond but I don't believe it is Wartburg's fault. We say hate has no place here, but it does because hate has a place in America.

It's tolerated, accepted and at times even given power. Hate has a place in schools, churches and workplaces.

So when we say; "hate has no place here" we aren't stating a fact, but rather calling for action. It is declaring that we will no longer make room for hate. That it will not be tolerated, it will not be excused, and it is certainly not welcome. You can't speak words into existence without action. So if you're here today chanting "hate has no place here", then act like it."

After the rally Alene added, "It was beautiful and comforting to see the room overflow with Wartburg students and administration. There is power in unity, so it was powerful to see such a large amount of people come together and stand up against hate."

# The importance of service

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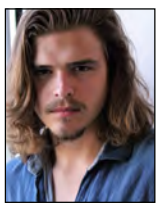

Service to others is a very important part of having humanity. Thousands of people are less fortunate than others. With this, we have the unique ability to aid others.

When it comes to service, Wartburg students rise to the occasion. Service is a part of Wartburg's curriculum and their mission statement.

Student Olivia Mcatee has decided to make it her profession and passion. Growing up she and her family found themselves in need of service from time to time. Upon attending Wartburg, she realized that from these experiences she wanted to do the same for others.

"Now I'm in a position where I can give that service back to someone else," Mcatee said.

Wartburg pastor Brian Beckstrom also found more purpose in his time at Wartburg ,he said. On a service trip to Germany with Wartburg students he learned first-hand the culture that Wartburg maintains in service.

"To see that and the spirit of service that is the foundation of Wartburg's faith and service was really inspiring to me," Beckstrom said.

Beckstrom added that when it comes to service it has to be focused on the neighbor and how we view those relationships.

In my time at Wartburg I volunteered at Bartels Retirement home. This was very difficult service for me because of the people I was helping. As a young optimistic teenager seeing and helping elderly people gave me an interesting sense of both appreciation for my life but also a dreary realization of my future.

Beckstrom thinks that is important to serve in places that make us uncomfortable.

I learned this first hand one visit to Bartles. I was playing games with a lady with Alzheimer's. After every few minutes I had to reexplain the rules. This was a rather difficult task that truly challenged my patience and compassion.

I agree with Beckstrom because when I would leave Bartels I did have a greater appreciation for my fortune of still being youthful and having my whole life ahead of me.

"God has given us so much that we have been graced with so many gifts, that our call is to give back to people," Beckstrom said.

As Beckstrom has mentioned above it is part of our duty as not only God fearing humans, but also as good people.

"We have to be conscious and grateful for what we receive," he said. "We have to be vessels for sharing that with other people."

Many have the expectation that service will be easy and instantly rewarding but that is not always the case. Mcatee was one of those people.

"Initially I had a lot of frustration at first, I thought it was going to be a lot more rewarding, like badabing-badaboom but that's not the case," Mcatee said. "You really have to earn people's respect and peoples trust and be intentional in the service you give."

She added that once she realized this it became clear to her that it's not a give and take, it's a joint effort.

Service should never be looked at as a burden because you are impacting others lives.

A major excuse people have is that they don't have enough time, but by attending service-based events we can do our part and help out those who are less fortunate than us.

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# Student Senate Leadership Scholarship

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Every year Student Senate offers two $500 scholarships to Wartburg students who demonstrate leadership and promote the mission statement of the college.

There are specific requirements for applying for the scholarship such as maintaining a 3.0 or greater cumulative GPA and being involved in volunteering or other activities either on or off campus, Jenna Brannaman, student senate recorder, said.

"I would encourage students to apply because it's a great incentive and students already have that leadership experience that qualify them for the scholarship," Brannaman said.

Brannaman said mostly second and third year students are considered, but it is possible for a fourth year to be considered.

Once all the applications are turned in, the Leadership Education and Service Committee will rank them and from there they will be sent to the senate to decide who will receive the scholarship.

The scholarship has gone to many students who represented Wartburg's mission statement and demonstrated leadership. One student who received the scholarship two years ago was Cassie Smith.

Smith was heavily involved in campus activities such as Wartburg Ambassadors, Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society, Wartburg College Dance Marathon and is the co-director of Blankets of Love.

Her volunteer work included helping at Denver Health at Wartburg West, Johnson County's Toys for Tots and leading Sunday school classes for St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

"I thought it was really cool I would be the one receiving the scholarship, I represent Wartburg in a lot of different ways so being acknowledged for that in a financial way definitely supported my desire to want to continue to pursue leadership through Wartburg," Smith said.

Applications are due Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. and are to be emailed to kathy.dreesman@wartburg.edu. For more information, students can visit the Info Center's website and click "Student Senate" under the "Student Life" tab.

# May Term ID 315 with Retrieving Freedom

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In May Term students will be able to take ID 315 with a guarantee that they will receive a service dog from Retrieving Freedom.

In previous classes that offered service dogs, there was no guarante of enough dogs for students to train.

One option that they were given was community builders, where the students go to the middle school and work with the kids through leadership lessons.

The other option that is offered this semester is called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). These individuals who are involved in this learn about how to help in emergency situations.

Retrieving Freedom is an organization that trains service dogs for military veterans and children with disabilities, such as autism.

Students taking ID 315 during the upcoming May term will receive a service dog to train from Retrieving Freedom . —**Submitted photo.**

The training process of a service dog before they are placed takes around two years. Once they are 1-year-old they will go full-time training at the facility and start Wartburg classes.

Rachel Richards has been fostering service dogs since her second year at Wartburg.

"I have Leo right now 24/7," Richards said. "I have had him since he was 12 weeks. I have slept with him every night and now I have to leave him at the kennel so that students can work with him. So that is the most challenging part of working with the dogs, but in the end, it is so rewarding."

The pairing process is dependent on the dog and their behaviors and the specific needs of the veteran or child.

For a veteran, the dog needs to be more energetic to get them out of the house and up and moving. A child with autism must have a dog that is more relaxed and can be tugged on or more soothing and calming.

"It has become a passion of mine as a social work major to help train and spend time at the facility meeting the veterans," Athena Hansen said. "It becomes a part of my daily routine if I am working with a dog."

To get involved with ID 315 contact Ashley Lang in Luther Hall 320 or email ashley.lang@wartburg.edu.

To connect with Retrieving Freedom for volunteer hours or to get more information, visit https://www.retrievingfreedom.org.

# Faculty & Staff Spotlight

## **Kasandra Grosser**, Global admissions

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Kasandra Grosser walks in her office and as she sits, she looks at the picture of her dad in the window frame next to her desk and smiles.

The beeping of incoming emails sounds in the background as she turns on her computer and then, her day begins.

Recruiting and assisting prospective international students with the admissions process is only one of the duties Grosser fulfills as assistant director of global admissions at Wartburg.

She also has the opportunity to travel to various college fairs and schools to discuss information about Wartburg with international students in other countries. Grosser said her job at Wartburg has been an opportunity to do exactly what she loves as work.

"I'm absolutely grateful for the opportunity Wartburg has given me," Grosser said. "It's just really special when I'm able to travel and meet students because I am inspired every day by their stories."

Grosser completed a global studies degree at the University of Northern Iowa and started working at Wartburg in 2015.

Grosser, who considers herself passionate about traveling, developed her love for learning about other cultures when she took part in a service trip to Guatemala during her freshman year of college, but she never thought this experience would change her life in so many aspects.

The immersion in the Guatemalan culture and her interaction with locals made her wonder if she could find a field of study where her future daily duties would involve interacting with different cultures.

Grosser then decided to drop her major in education and pursue global studies, which she thought would be a better fit with her values and passions.

"I decided to go for [global studies] and I am so happy I did because I enjoyed all my classes, and I just fell in love learning about other cultures," Grosser said.

"And that led me to where I am today."

Kelsie Durscher, assistant director of recruitment services, said Grosser has become not only a co-worker but also a friend.

"One thing that really shows through Kassy's character is how awesome she is with everybody she meets no matter who it is," Durscher said.

Kasandra Grosser completed a global studies degree at the University of Northern Iowa and started working at Wartburg in 2015. —**Anthony Quesada Sánchez**/*TRUMPET*

"She does things for people whether or not she gets recognition, but she does it out of the truly caring part of her heart."

Durscher said Grosser is the perfect person for the job she currently holds, not only because she is very open to new cultures and excited to learn, but because she brings out the best of her co-workers and people around her.

Kimberly Céspedes, summer global admissions work study student from Costa Rica, said that since her process of applying to Wartburg, Grosser has been very helpful and caring.

"I'm very thankful with her because she has been very supportive. She is my boss but I can also see her as my friend," Céspedes said.

Outside of Wartburg, Grosser plays sand volleyball and considers herself as a lover of bizarre and unique foods.

She has also been to 15 countries so far, including Kenya, Japan and Guatemala, to mention a few.

One of Grosser's goals in life is serving and helping people from all over the world in some sort of capacity, and now she feels fortunate to be able to do that every day at work.

"Traveling is great but the people you meet along the way are far better," Grosser said. "It is amazing how much we can learn from one another, if we would only be brave enough to humble ourselves and say hi."

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# Students learn emergency training

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Students learn how to do a triage while taking the ID 315: Leadership Theories and Practices. This course is offered during winter terms.— **Submitted Photo**

For students enrolled in the ID 315: Leadership Theories and Practices, there is an opportunity to learn about the proper procedure for emergency situations.

The program is called Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and it is offered to students taking the class during second semester.

Ashley Lang has been teaching the class over the past several years, and she said it is a great program for students .

"It's a prime way to engage in your community, no matter what community you are a part of and even to giving back to Wartburg," Lang said. "If there's a disaster, knowing you have people who know who they are supposed to deal with is very beneficial."

This year, the class will be taught by Dr. Fred Waldstein in partnership with Kip Ladage, who runs the program.

Waldstein said the students will go through live exercises and training involving different emergency or medical situations, such as a fire or an accident.

He also said CERT is aimed toward making people an asset in those situations.

"It's designed to educate people about the importance of being prepared in the event of a disaster," Waldstein said. "You want to be able to be part of the solution, not part of the problem when you're in that environment."

CERT covers different situations ranging from fire suppression to medical operations.

Once students finish the program, students are certified as CERT volunteers and can help anywhere in the country where there is a CERT program.

During the fall semester, students get involved with either Retrieving Freedom (RFI) or Community Builders (CB) and then CERT or CB in the winter.

The CERT program relates to RFI and CB because it offers an opportunity for students to engage in their communities in a unique way, Lang said.

Lang said the program involves a lot of practical work and Ladage will even use fake blood in the simulations to make it as real as possible.

She added students in the program can also expect intensive work and work outside of class to earn the certification and the program is more about service than anything else.

"It's really about giving back to your community and being a leader in your community versus job training, but students do make those connections," Lang said. "It's a combination of things. I think it's really about why the person wants to do it."

# Wartburg students spend May Term in Greece

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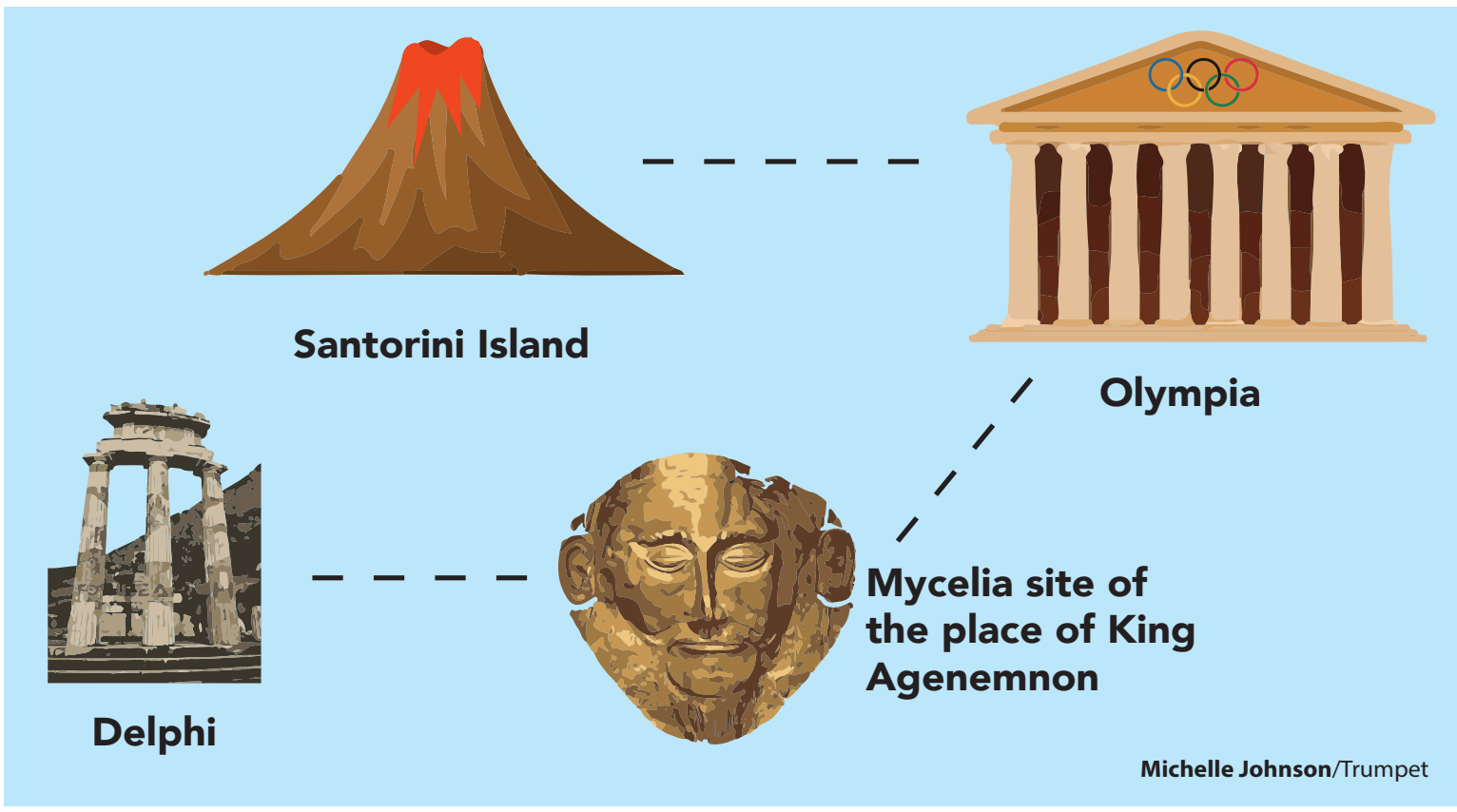


The first time Dr. Joyce Boss visited Greece was in December 1984 during her travels after completing her time with the Peace Corps.

While in Greece, Boss was captivated by both the culture and rich history that Greece had to offer.

Ever since then, Boss wanted to take her students to Greece.

Boss will lead a class to Greece in May.

Boss, who has taken students on May Term trips to Japan in the past, is thrilled for the opportunity to share Greece with her students.

"I have always wanted to take students to the Eastern Mediterranean," Boss said. "I am excited to have students experience the culture, hospitality, the way people are and the way they behave and talk to each other in Greece."

Before departing, students must fill out paperwork and take Myth in The Ancient World.

In their pre-requisite, which doubles as an introductory course to myth and folklore, students will focus specifically on the myth traditions of the ancient Greek Classical world.

Boss said she is hopeful her students come away from the course understanding more about classical and ancient Greek history, as well as a bit of knowledge pertaining to the Greek alphabet.

"All of our May Term courses offer something unique, and what this course offers is a chance for students to visit and directly experience the eastern Mediterranean," Boss said

Due to Greece's location, it offers a different flavor of Europe than some of the other May Term courses do, she said.

"This trip will allows students to explore a part of the world that is very ancient and to visit sites and touch stones that were carved thousands and thousands of years ago which is pretty amazing," Boss said.

Accompanying Boss on the trip will be 18 students and one other faculty member.

One of the students attending the trip is senior Madisen Hinegardner, and she said that she could not be more thrilled for this opportunity.

After hearing about the trip from Boss, Hinegardner knew instantly that she had to go, and changed her schedule and signed up the next day.

"I am most excited to experience and learn from a new culture with its history and people," Hinegardner said.

"I love the feeling of being completely immersed and getting to learn hands-on and live the experiences I've been reading about."

Hinegardner said she is looking forward to being surrounded by all of the culture and trying the unique food that Greece has to offer.

She is also longing to see all of the sights and history that she has studied in her literature classes.

"I can't wait to see it all come to life," Hinegardner said.

"I hope to learn a lot more about myself and continue to see my own growth from being exposed to so many different atmospheres and cultures than I am used to. I also hope to take away a greater appreciation of the world and Greece's beautiful history and people."

Becca Sutherland, who has attended a May Term trip with Boss in the past, is also looking forward to the opportunities that going to Greece has to offer.

"I'm just excited for the experience and the ability to go on another May Term trip with Dr. Boss," Sutherland said. "She's the best."

Sutherland said she does not know much about Greece, but hopes to change that by going on this trip.

"I learned about ancient history growing up and I've read 'The Odyssey' so that is what initially sparked my interest in going," Sutherland said.

"I saw a poster advertising the trip and knew I had to go. The pictures of Greece look beautiful and I can't wait to experience it."

Students attending the trip will depart on the first day of May Term and arrive in Athens on May 2.

The plans include trips to Santorini Island to see a volcano, traveling to Olympia: the home of olympic games, mycelia site of the place of King Agamemnon and visiting Delphi, the site of the ancient oracle.

The trip will span two weeks total: five nights in Athens with several day trips, two nights in Santorini, four nights to visit sites upcountry and then they will end in Athens.

After returning to campus students will spend a few days spent recuperating and then class meets back up for the students to put together their final presentations over information which they gather while in Greece.

While the trip is still several months away, Boss is highly anticipating it.

"Overall, I hope that it will be a cultural experience of which the students will never forget," Boss said.

# Basketball wins two, loses two

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The Wartburg women's basketball team remained undefeated with wins over Loras and Dubuque, while the men dropped two.

The women were led by the double-digit point efforts of four different players in their 22-point victory over Loras on Wednesday. Katie Sommer led the way with 19, Aryn Jones had 14, Morgan Neuendorf had 12 and Miranda Murphy finished with ten.

On Saturday, the team returned home to face a Dubuque team that lacked two of their top three scorers. The Spartans fought long and valiantly, but they were no match for the Wartburg offensive attack.

Katie Sommer led the way for Wartburg with 24 points, including 12 in the first quarter. She said her quick start opened up opportunities for the rest of the team.

"I think it gave us a little momentum," Sommer said. "I look for my shot, and if I'm open, I'll take it. I think it helps the dynamic of the team to just get on top right away."

While it was a big game for one Sommer twin, it was perhaps an even bigger one for the other. Kristie Sommer made only one three-pointer, but it was enough to vault her into the top spot in career threes in program history. She said the record is great, but it doesn't matter much to her in the grand scheme of things.

"I think it's a really cool accomplishment," Kristie Sommer said. "But it's just a minor accomplishment to a major goal that we have."

The nature of the victory allowed for every single active player on the Knights' roster to get into the game, and only three Knights went without points on the stat sheet.

The men, however, had a disappointing week, losing to both Dubuque schools.

Defense was a major issue for the Knights as they allowed over 90 points in both games, giving up 37 points to Spartans' guard TJ Lake.

Jaran Sabus was the leading scorer in both games with 16 and 23 points respectively with a career high 14 made free throws on Saturday.

Wartburg was able to find their way to the charity stripe many times in the games, but struggled against Loras on Wednesday, making just 17 of 33 shots.

Katie Sommer led the Knights to yet another pair of victories over Loras and Dubuque, while the men lost to both the Duhawks and Spartans.—**Marketing and Comm.**

The Knights gave up a combined 29 three pointers between the two games and allowed the star players on both teams to score at or above their season averages coming into the game.

Josh Gehling was a bright spot during the week with double digit scoring outputs against both Dubuque based opponents.

Foul trouble plagued the Knights against Dubuque as Sabus and Nate Woeste fouled out.

Four players finished in double figures against Loras while five players crossed the ten point threshold against the Spartans, including 12 points off the bench from freshmen Max Smith Drahos.

After the losses, Wartburg is now 12-7 (5-5) and have lost three straight. This was the first loss at home for the team on the season.

Both teams will go on the road to face the Buena Vista Beavers Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The Knights will return home on Feb. 3 to face the Simpson Storm. Coverage for this game will be broadcast on Knight Vision

# Continuing the family legacy

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The Wartburg Wrestling team has a storied history and the Fank family has been directly involved in that success over the past five years.

Kyle Fank is a familar face on Wartburg's campus, with a recognizable name around the wrestling team.

Fank's older brother Ryan was an All-American and is a member of the 100 Win Club. He also had a big impact on his brother coming to his alma mater.

"Me and my brother are super close. So, I mean I was in touch with him, he was in touch with me. I took one visit and that was all it needed," Fank said.

The younger Fank picked up where his brother left off with an All-American finish last year and recently setting a new school record for tech falls in a career. That being said, his coaches said his strengths go beyond just his abilities on the mat.

"He's gonna be there, he's gonna be on time, he's gonna show up, he's gonna work hard. He's gonna take care of business in the classroom, he's a good kid. He's one of those kids you don't have to worry about," assistant coach Chris Ortner said.

"You know what you're going to get as far as his work ethic and dedication. You know, those kids are fun to coach."

Fank is currently ranked number two in the country, has a 13 match winning streak and finished fifth at Nationals last season, but he said he couldn't have had this success without the coaching staff led by Eric Keller.

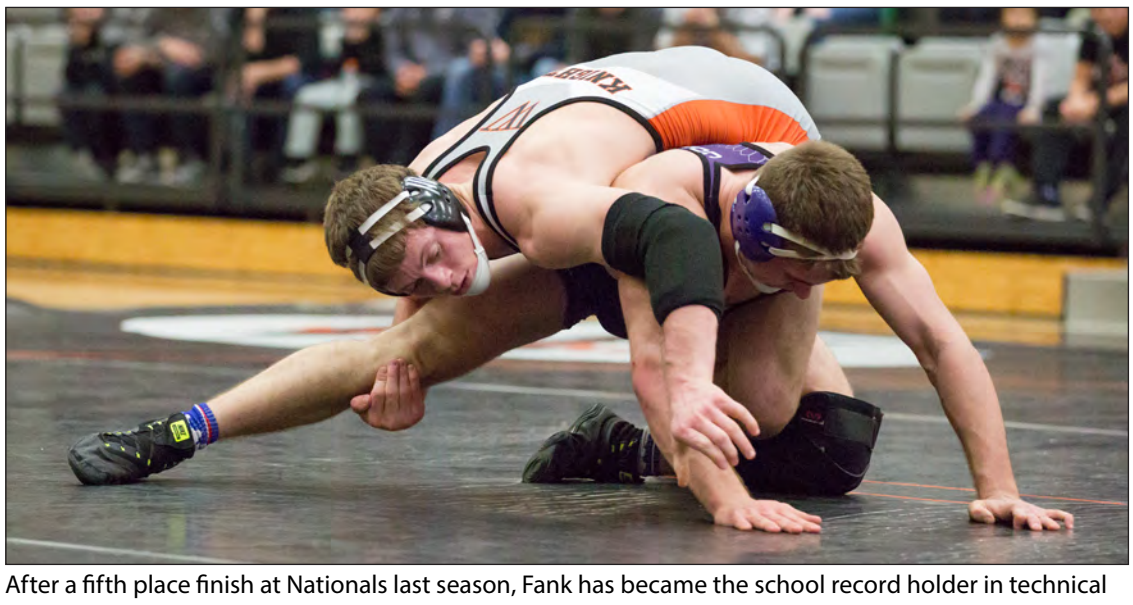
"He's kind of like a father figure, both him and Ortner. They look after us, they push us when they know we can work harder, and that's a big thing. Stay on us, riding us you know, 'do better, score another takedown,' those are gonna be the things that separate us," Fank said.

As an education major, Fank plans to go into teaching after graduating in May and also wants to stay around wrestling, but not necessarily the way most people would expect.

"You can't take this sport away from me. Kind of want to get into officiating once I'm done here. My dad is a high school wrestling official, he's worked numerous state tournament, state finals," Fank said.

"Kind of start falling under him. State is looking for good officials, it's a way for me to give back to the sport," he said.

The Knights have their eyes set on a rematch against no. 1 Augsburg on Feb. 1.



After a fifth place finish at Nationals last season, Fank has became the school record holder in technical falls and has his sights set on a higher finish than last year at Nationals. —**Marketing and Comm.**

# Sports teams travel for new competition

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While Wartburg's upcoming winter break offers several opportunities for students to travel, the same is true for a few sports teams.

Chris Gustas

The men's and women's tennis teams will spend the week-long break competing on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, while the women's golf team will compete in Orlando, Florida.

"It's a great chance for us to see teams we normally wouldn't travel to and to have some adventures as a team," head tennis coach Chris Gustas said. "And of course, that all comes with being by the ocean."

While in South Carolina, the tennis team will participate in three to five matches, most of which will be hosted at the Van der Meer Tennis Academy.

Between these two locations, the Professional Tennis Registry hosts an annual spring tennis fest. This year, there are over 100 teams competing in the event, which continues all throughout March.

When not competing, the athletes will be able to choose between various tourist opportunities such as dolphin or wildlife cruises, horseback trail rides, zip line tours or visiting the beach. The players will also have rental bikes to explore the island with.

Along with experiencing a new place with friends and teammates, the athletes also get the opportunity to improve their skills in ways that aren't possible at Wartburg.

"It's a good chance to get away from this 'lovely' Iowa weather and be able to play my sport out-of-season," Darby Kramer, women's golf team member, said. "We also learn to play on completely different types of courses than we have here in the Midwest."

While in Orlando, the team will golf recreationally at Indian River Preserve and Mission Inn and Resort El Campeon Course.

They will also compete against Central College towards the end of the trip.

# Paving the road ahead

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The Wartburg women's lacrosse team is in its fourth year of competition. This year's senior class, led by attacker Allie Stahmer, will be the first group of athletes who have played collegiate lacrosse all four years.

Stahmer was first exposed to lacrosse her junior year of high school. After being cut from the softball team, she tried out for the newly formed lacrosse team.

"I ended up making most of my friends through it," Stahmer said. "It was something I really liked to do."

Stahmer was verbally committed to continue her lacrosse career at Carthage but was contacted by former head coach Danielle Fiela about playing at Wartburg.

After visiting, Stahmer realized that Wartburg was where she belonged.

However, her career at Wartburg didn't come without a few bumps in the road.

Fiela left after Stahmer's freshman year and was replaced by head coach Anna Meerbach

"It was hard at first, but it ended up being such a good thing," Stahmer said. "She knows how to coach all of us. I worked so much harder in the off season, in workouts, even in practice. It was just a world of difference."

Meerbach said Stahmer stood out when she first met the team, pointing at her shot and stick work.

With that, she was able to help Stahmer improve other aspects of her game, such as footwork, hand placement and offensive strategy.

"She really stepped up last year and it showed on the scoring for us," Meerbach said. "She's made that natural progression," Meerbach said. "She's a hard worker and that has definitely paid off for her."

Stahmer said that because lacrosse is relatively new in Iowa, the team received a lot of support from the Wartburg community.

Stahmer specifically mentioned the program's first win against Cornell as one lacrosse memory.

"It was our first home game, our first win. . . We had a bunch of people out there, the whole tennis team was there, there were so many signs. It was just such a high," Stahmer said.

The team has not lost to Cornell since the program's beginning, and Stahmer said that one of her goals for the season is to keep it that way.

She added that the team also wants to get into conference play this year.

Meerbach compared this year's senior class to the "heartbeat" of the program.

Allie Stahmer (right) works against a Corcordia player in last year's game. Stahmer returns as the team's leading scorer. -**Marketing and Comm.**

She added that Stahmer will be missed following her graduation.

"Allie is a force that continues to push us and refuses to fall back," Meerbach said. "With everything that we're trying to do this year, I hope that drive and passion will be passed down," Meerbach said.

"I don't think anyone will ever replace Allie's passion for this team and this program," she said.

The women open up their season on the road against Augsburg on February 25.

# A history of downtown dominance

Kristie Sommer has been a starter for three of her four years. Her 218 three-pointers are good for the most in program history. **-Marketing and Comm.**

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Jan. 27, 2018. Just under six and a half minutes to go in the first quarter. The Knights are up by two.

All eyes are on Kristie Sommer, who was one three-pointer away from becoming Wartburg's all-time leader.

There's a lane to the basket. One Knight drives in, then kicks it out to a wide open Sommer on the three point line. She pulls up. Splash. History.

While this record is of course remarkable, Sommer is no stranger to making history.

Before this game, she held the records for the most threes in a game and in a season, with eight and 81, respectively.

Her one three on Saturday was number 218 for her career; surpassing Samantha Harrington for the number one spot in Wartburg's record books.

Despite her individual success, however, Sommer considers herself a team player. In fact, she said her favorite aspect of her experience with the program has nothing to do with records.

"The best part to me is the culture of our team," Sommer said. "How close everyone is, how unselfish everyone is. We have one big goal in mind, and we're all contributing to that goal. That's the cool thing to me." With everyone's contributions in mind, Sommer's own contribution cannot go unrecognized, even by her. She said her style of play adds a great deal to the overall success of the team, but she is far from the only one.

"I knock down shots, and being the player that I am, I am allowing other players to get open, because defenses are playing me tighter," Sommer said.

"If you think about it, though, it's hard to guard us. Teams have to pick their poison with us, honestly. Any one of us can go off for 20 a night, which is cool."

Sommer has been a consistent starter on the team for three of her four years with the program, including playing in a lineup with four of her classmates for the last two.

While she has played with those women for four years now, though there's one person on the team who has been around all her life

Kristie's twin sister, Katie Sommer, has been with Kristie through thick and thin since birth, and Kristie with her. Katie said their bond is something that has helped get her through life, on and off the court.

"Not many people grow up having a twin sister, so that's kind of unique in itself, always having someone there. First day of school, I've got my sister there. First day of college, I've got my sister there," Katie said.

"We grew up making each other better, not just as basketball players, but as people as well. She's always been my right-hand woman, and I'm forever grateful for that."

Along with Kristie's three-point record, Katie broke the all-time assists record just a couple weeks ago; on a pass to her sister. Katie credits that, and the rest of their success playing together, to twin telepathy.

"We have this twin connection; I always know where she's at on the court. I always find a way to find her," Katie said.

"I think growing up playing with each other throughout the years really helps our dynamic on the court."

After college, Kristie plans to move to Colorado and work for a police force. She said she may get involved with coaching youth basketball programs at some point down the road, but the sport isn't in her immediate future.

Kristie will look to continue her success with her sister, and the rest of the team, this Wednedsay night and Saturday afternoon at Buena Vista and at home against Simpson, respectively. Tipoffs for those are set for 6 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday's game will be broadcasted on Knight Vision.

Kristie Sommer pulls up from deep. **-Marketing and Comm.**

# Knights krush Kohawks

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The second-ranked Wartburg wrestling team continued their Iowa Conference dominance this past weekend, beating seventh-ranked Coe on the road, 38-3.

It started off with a pin. Brennen Doebel took down Coe's Brock Henderson for his ninth pin of the year, ending Henderson's four-match win streak.

The 133 class ended in a Wartburg pin as well, with eighth-ranked Brock Rathbun extending his win streak to five.

The 141 class yielded Wartburg's only loss, with Brenden Baker falling in a 9-2 decision; Coe's only points of the match. The 149 and 157 weight classes featured two nationally top-ranked wrestlers, with Cross Cannone and Logan Thomsen going back to back. Cannone won in a 10-3 decision.

Thomsen beat another top five wrestler in Coe's Cole Erickson, snapping Erickson's six-match win streak. Both Cannone and Thomsen remain undefeated.

Second-ranked Mike Ross dominated the Kohawks' Nate Olsen in the 165 match, winning in a major decision to stay unbeaten at 17-0.

Then came the 174 class. The odds were against Jacob Krakow in just his third varsity appearance, facing off against the fifth-ranked Jake Voss. But the freshman came to win, and win he did, upsetting Voss by a 7-4 decision.

The Knights rounded out the night with wins by Tyler Lutes, Kyle Fank, and Bowen Wileman.

The Knights will look to pick up where they left off on Thursday, as they'll welcome third-ranked Augsburg to town in the aptly-named "Battle of the 'Burgs."

That meet will be in Levick Arena at 7 p.m. catch coverage on Knight Vision.

# Wartburg Trumpet Athletes of the Week:

Jaran Sabus

Thirty-nine points on seven of twelve from the field and 23 of 30 from the free throw line in two games this week.

Katie Sommer

Forty-three points, nine rebounds, seven assists, and three steals in two games this past week.